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Happy Friday Wheatland Families,

I wanted to update you on a few items as we move steadily closer to the end of the academic year. We are continuing to plan with limited and often conflicting information that literally changes every day. I guess that is our new normal. I know it is a frustrating time for all of us, but please take solace in the certainty that this will pass, and the sun will come up each day (Please don't take this too literally, as you may not actually see it).

Online Instruction

The final day for new instruction will be Friday May 29th. Teachers will be making contact with students and parents to wrap up the year in the final two weeks of scheduled classes. While I think everyone has done an amazing job turning our system into a model for the area, I think everyone is ready for a break from the screen time. Please keep working hard and stay engaged the last two weeks. Finish strong!

Summer school

At this time we are in a bit of a holding pattern with summer school. It is unlikely that we can have a traditional summer school, with 200 plus students on site, but I am not ready to cancel it altogether. It is still my hope to offer something in late July, early August that would give us a chance to connect with students virtually, with the hopes of getting on site for at least a few days. We will have a decision soon. There would be some individualized instruction to get students ready for the fall. If for no other reason, I want to hold something this summer to get a head start on planning for the fall, and any restrictions we may face.

8th grade Graduation

Teachers will be visiting homes to celebrate our 8th graders in a couple of weeks. I am looking forward to seeing the smiling faces of our graduates as they celebrate their accomplishments. Parents please have any school related items ready for pick up when they arrive. Most notable is the computer. You will get a note from the 7/8 team for specifics, but please have the computer in its case with the charger ready for pick up. Thank you for your help with this. Parents that want yard signs prior to the graduation roadshow, can pick them up in the office on Monday or Wednesday from 11:00-1:00.

Daycare

Kids Club, our privately contracted on-site day care facility will be opening at Wheatland starting June 8th for children of essential workers and other children as allowed. Please contact [Kids Club](#) for more information.



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Item pick up

Look for a separate communication Monday that details item pick up. We will have parents and guardians come to school in 4 separate groups. It will be well organized and marked to keep both staff and parents safe. The process will be from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM each day for designated parents in manageable groups. We ask that you do not bring students or children into the building when picking up items. We will also be collecting computers and any other school items at that time. Please make sure they are in the case and the charger is included. Again, you will receive an email Monday with all the details for this process.

School This Fall

We are getting ready for all possibilities in the fall. It is our most sincere desire to have all students back face to face starting in September, but we will be ready for whatever is prescribed or is in the best interests of our students' health and welfare. In the absence of timely guidance from local, state and federal leadership, we will have our own plan based on the best information at that time.

Food Service

There will be no food service on Memorial Day, May 25th. **Meals for all four days of the week will be distributed on Tuesday the 26th.** The following Wednesday, June 3rd, will be the final day of food delivery for the year. We are looking at the possibility of transitioning to pick up only after that for an extended period of time. I will let you know when I have more information on the potential continuation of meal distribution.

Great things continue to happen and are being documented on our [#wcsflight](#) hashtag on Twitter and the [WCS Facebook](#) page. Please stay the course, and stay safe. I am excited about our future plans and know our Flight will continue no matter the obstacles. I am also certain Wheatland students, families and staff will persevere. Have a great weekend.